

## **Families First in Numbers**

### **Updated with Information from September 2004**

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,831

Current number of adults: 57,013

Current number of children: 139,189

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (September, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,251

Closures in September:

total closures: 4408

closures for 18 month time limits: 185

closures for sanctions: 812

work-related sanctions: 740

other sanctions: 72

closures for employment: 1211

Time limit closures since Families First started: 9,912

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,003

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$660.39

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.90

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.